

CABINET – 15 DECEMBER 2009

OXFORDSHIRE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2010-13

Report by the Interim Director for Children, Young People & Families

Introduction

1. The Children and Young People's Plan 2010-13 is Oxfordshire's second children and young people's plan. The current plan was approved by Cabinet in 2006 and finishes at the end of 2009.
2. The development of the second Children and Young People's Plan was subject to [new statutory guidance](#) and becomes the key plan for the Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Trust (OCYPT). The draft plan has been subject to extensive consultation during the Autumn and the attached version includes the outcomes of this consultation. The Children and Young People's Plan will be finally signed by the Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Trust Board at its January meeting.
3. Accompanying this report is:
 - (a) A copy of the proposed final version of the Children and Young People's Plan.
 - (b) A copy of the paper that went to the Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Trust Board on 20 November 2009.

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4. The Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Plan 2010-13 has been drawn up in line with new statutory guidance. The responsibility for drawing up, monitoring and reviewing the plan lies with the Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Trust Board. However, the Board does not deliver the plan; it is the individual partners which implement those parts of the plan that relate to their function; each must have regard to the plan.
5. The plan was drafted following an extensive needs analysis, which included external review findings. The plan itself must and does feed from Oxfordshire 2030 and the DCSF Building Brighter Futures Plan and is underpinned by a detailed multi-agency delivery plan.
6. Following discussion at the Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Trust Board, three overarching strategic priorities were confirmed at its meeting last May. These are:
 - (a) Keeping all children and young people safe.
 - (b) Raising achievement of all children and young people.
 - (c) Narrowing the gap for our most disadvantaged and vulnerable groups.

Consultation

7. The formal consultation included an online questionnaire, individual responses and meetings with partners, partnerships and groups, including discussion at Children's Scrutiny Committee.
8. The consultation questionnaire contained questions about the vision, underpinning principles, priorities and intended outcomes for each of the priorities in the draft plan.
9. There were 55 responses from a wide range of organisations, including schools. The majority of responses agreed with the vision, principles and priorities.
10. Specific comments about change to the working and/or content of sections of the plan were used to inform the re-drafting of the plan by a multi-agency working group agreed by the Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Trust Board on 20 November 2009.
11. As well as the online responses, a number of organisations, partnerships and individuals responded directly to the consultation. Their responses on the whole were positive and, again, agreed with the vision, underpinning principles, priorities and intended outcomes.
12. Separate arrangements were made via the Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Trust Participation Sub-Group to ensure that the voices of children and young people and parents and carers were heard as part of this consultation.
13. The following outlines the key areas for suggested changes:
 - (a) Style and layout to make it more readable and accessible to all.
 - (b) Needs to have some focus on play and enjoyment, as well as achievement.
 - (c) Greater emphasis on the role of families and support to help them.
 - (d) Pre-school and colleges need to be more visible
 - (e) Needs to be more 'upbeat' at times as it appeared rather negative.
 - (f) Greater emphasis needed to be given to housing and transport.
14. The multi-agency working group, which included representatives from Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust, District and City Councils, children and young people and the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board worked and redrafted the plan as attached.

Next Steps

15. The redrafted plan is currently being discussed via the governance arrangements of the key partners and will be formally agreed by the

Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Trust at its meeting in January 2010 and published at the end of January 2010.

16. A summary of the plan will be produced by children and young people for children and young people during January 2010.
17. The plan will be monitored via the Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Trust Performance Sub-Group and formal annual review.
18. To reflect local needs, three area plans are to be drawn up in the New Year. The Area Trust Boards will have delegated responsibility for drawing up and monitoring these plans.
19. An equality impact assessment will be completed during December 2009

Financial and Staff Implications

20. Within existing resources

RECOMMENDATION

21. **The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve the Children and Young People's Plan, subject to any final editorial adjustments by the Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Trust Board in consultation with the Director for Children, Young People & Families.**

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Background papers: Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Plan 2010-13
Report to the Oxfordshire Children and Young People's
Trust Board
DCSF Children and Young People's Plan Guidance 2009

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